

AGENCY NAME:		SECTION:	
AGENCY CODE:			



**Fiscal Year 2024-25
Agency Budget Plan**

FORM A - BUDGET PLAN SUMMARY

OPERATING REQUESTS (FORM B1)	For FY 2024-25, my agency is (mark "X"):	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Requesting General Fund Appropriations.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Requesting Federal/Other Authorization.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any changes.

NON-RECURRING REQUESTS (FORM B2)	For FY 2024-25, my agency is (mark "X"):	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Requesting Non-Recurring Appropriations.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting Non-Recurring Federal/Other Authorization.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any changes.

CAPITAL REQUESTS (FORM C)	For FY 2024-25, my agency is (mark "X"):	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting funding for Capital Projects.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any changes.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	

PROVISOS (FORM D)	For FY 2024-25, my agency is (mark "X"):	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Requesting a new proviso and/or substantive changes to existing provisos.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Only requesting technical proviso changes (such as date references).
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any proviso changes.

Please identify your agency's preferred contacts for this year's budget process.

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PRIMARY CONTACT:	Patrick Jarvis	803-737-0462	piarvis@scommerce.com
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I have reviewed and approved the enclosed FY 2024-25 Agency Budget Plan, which is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

	<i>Agency Director</i>	<i>Board or Commission Chair</i>
SIGN/DATE:		
TYPE/PRINT NAME:	Harry M. Lightsey III	

This form must be signed by the agency head – not a delegate.

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Executive Summary

Agency Code:	P320
Agency Name:	Department Of Commerce
Section:	50

Agency Priority	Request Type	Title	General Dollars	Federal Dollars	Earmarked Dollars	Restricted Dollars	Total Dollars	General FTEs	Federal FTEs	Earmarked FTEs	Restricted FTEs	Total FTEs
1	B1 - Recurring	Repay Intra-Agency Loan	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	B2 - Non-Recurring	Closing Fund	\$25,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	B1 - Recurring	LocateSC	\$11,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	B1 - Recurring	Foreign Office Operations	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	B1 - Recurring	SCRC Assessment	\$125,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$125,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	B1 - Recurring	Industry Liaison	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
7	B1 - Recurring	Authority Increase for Staff and Employer Contributions	\$0	\$40,000	\$120,000	\$0	\$160,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal:			\$44,325,000	\$40,000	\$120,000	\$0	\$44,485,000	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	1
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Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Repay Intra-Agency Loan
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	<p>General: \$5,000,000</p> <p>Federal: \$0</p> <p>Other: \$0</p> <p>Total: \$5,000,000</p>
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What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2024-2025? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

NEW POSITIONS	0.00
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Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST	Mark "X" for all that apply:	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	IT Technology/Security related
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consulted DTO during development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #	

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Families
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	X	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Government and Citizens	

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	Increase the number of new/retained jobs and capital investment recruited to South Carolina.
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What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?

RECIPIENTS OF	SC Department of Commerce
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FUNDS

What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

In 2015, for the Navy Base Intermodal Facility (NBIF) project to continue moving forward on a timeline that would allow it to be open near the time of completion of the Hugh K. Leatherman Terminal, Commerce issued an intra-agency loan to Palmetto Railways in the amount of \$51 million as interim, interest -free financing for permitting and preliminary construction costs. The intra-agency loan funds originate from committed, but unexpended grant funds of the South Carolina Coordinating Council for Economic Development, and accordingly, were loaned only on a temporary basis and must be repaid. Commerce is requesting \$5 million in recurring funding to repay this intra-agency loan.

Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method of calculation. Please include any explanation of impact if funds are not received. If new positions have been requested, explain why existing vacancies are not sufficient.

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	3
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Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	LocateSC
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	<p>General: \$11,000,000</p> <p>Federal: \$0</p> <p>Other: \$0</p> <p>Total: \$11,000,000</p>
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NEW POSITIONS	0.00
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Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST	Mark "X" for all that apply:	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	IT Technology/Security related
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consulted DTO during development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #	

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Families
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Government and Citizens	

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	Assist with the improvements of available inventory of sites and buildings.
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What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?

RECIPIENTS OF	These funds will be awarded as grants to local governments or ally groups.
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FUNDS

What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

LocateSC Site Inventory – funding that will allow the state to be proactive in preparing sites, especially larger sites, into suitable inventory for potential prospects.

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	4
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Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Foreign Office Operations
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	General: \$3,000,000 Federal: \$0 Other: \$0 Total: \$3,000,000
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NEW POSITIONS	0.00
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Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST	Mark "X" for all that apply:	
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	IT Technology/Security related
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consulted DTO during development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #	

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Families
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Government and Citizens	

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	Attract capital investment and job creation throughout South Carolina.
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What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?

RECIPIENTS OF	Contractors, staff and vendors supporting the Agency's foreign offices and operations.
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FUNDS

What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

Since the mid-1970's the SC Department of Commerce has maintained operations in Europe to serve, and stimulate, the interest of European firms' desire to locate/relocate to South Carolina. Since then, Commerce's European operations have relocated to Munich, Germany to provide more focus to German firms. Also, due to growing international interest in South Carolina, Commerce is funding operations in Asia (South Korea, Taiwan, and Japan).

In prior years, Commerce has funded these international operations from its Global Business Development operating appropriations. Due to increased interest across Europe along with inflation, funding foreign operations from these traditional sources is unsustainable in the long-term. European inflation in 2021 was 2.59%, and in 2022 was 8.38%. Through July 2023, inflation is averaging 6.65%. Inflation in the US is similarly high.

In December 2023 South Carolina became one of four states to sign Memorandums of Understanding with the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to deepen the ties and address barriers in the areas of trade and investment. With the passage of Brexit, the UK is further separated from the European Union and looking to grow partnerships and locations for business. Since 2018, the UK and Ireland have accounted for \$178.5 Million in investment and 975 jobs in South Carolina. Currently the UK is South Carolina's fifth largest trading partner, and in 2022 accounted for \$3.2 billion in trade activity, with \$1.7 billion in imports and \$1.5 billion in exports. For these reasons, SC Commerce is evaluating options for a physical presence in the United Kingdom, allowing the state to build on growing relationships developed via the MOU and allow for the development of relationships with various industry groups in the automotive and life science industries.

Due to rising costs, domestically and abroad, the current sources of funding will no longer provide the resources required to effectively recruit international firms to the state.

Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method of calculation. Please include any explanation of impact if funds are not received. If new positions have been requested, explain why existing vacancies are not sufficient.

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	5
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Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	SCRC Assessment
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	<p>General: \$125,000</p> <p>Federal: \$0</p> <p>Other: \$0</p> <p>Total: \$125,000</p>
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NEW POSITIONS	0.00
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Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST	Mark "X" for all that apply:	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	IT Technology/Security related
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consulted DTO during development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #	

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Families
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Government and Citizens	

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	Increase the knowledge and available infrastructure in South Carolina through workforce and community development.
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What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?

RECIPIENTS OF	Southeast Crescent Regional Commission (SCRC)
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FUNDS

What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

The Southeast Crescent Regional Commission (SCRC) was created by the 2008 US Farm Bill. SCRC is an economic development partnership agency of the federal government and seven state governments, with a mission to build sustainable communities and strengthen economic growth across the Southeast Region. Each year, the State Members of the Commission determine the share of the States' contribution to be paid by each state which is determined on the basis of the Commission's approved budget and a method of apportionment determined by the State Members.

This request is for recurring funds to pay the annual assessment to SCRC, making the State of South Carolina eligible to receive funding (\$2.6 million in FY24) with no matching requirements from the State.

Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method of calculation. Please include any explanation of impact if funds are not received. If new positions have been requested, explain why existing vacancies are not sufficient.

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	6
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Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Industry Liaison
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	General: \$200,000 Federal: \$0 Other: \$0 Total: \$200,000
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What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2024-2025? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

NEW POSITIONS	1.00
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Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST	Mark "X" for all that apply:	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	IT Technology/Security related
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consulted DTO during development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #	

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Families
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Government and Citizens	

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	Build on the strengths of the state's existing, small and emerging industries.
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What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?

RECIPIENTS OF	Agency employee hired into the role and vendors providing goods/services in support of the role.
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FUNDS

What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

Commerce has been very successful in recruiting projects with larger capital investment and jobs than in typical years.

These projects require more extensive involvement with Commerce staff between the time the announcement has been made until the company is producing product and open for business. Commerce is recommending dedicating staff or consultants that work directly with these larger projects.

This dedication of staff will be viewed by companies as an additional benefit and will assist the State in its economic development efforts.

Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method of calculation. Please include any explanation of impact if funds are not received. If new positions have been requested, explain why existing vacancies are not sufficient.

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FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	7
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Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Authority Increase for Staff and Employer Contributions
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	General: \$0 Federal: \$40,000 Other: \$120,000 Total: \$160,000
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What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2024-2025? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

NEW POSITIONS	0.00
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Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST	Mark "X" for all that apply:	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	IT Technology/Security related
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consulted DTO during development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #	

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Families
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Government and Citizens	

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	This request impacts all other and federally funded activities.
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What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?

RECIPIENTS OF	Personal Services and Fringe Benefits for existing staff.
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FUNDS

What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

Additional authority needed for general increases to existing staff and annual increases in employer contributions.

Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method of calculation. Please include any explanation of impact if funds are not received. If new positions have been requested, explain why existing vacancies are not sufficient.

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FORM B2 – NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST

AGENCY PRIORITY	2
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Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.

TITLE	Closing Fund
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

AMOUNT	\$25,000,000
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What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2024-2025? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST	Mark "X" for all that apply:	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	IT Technology/Security related
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consulted DTO during development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Request for Non-Recurring Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/>	Request for Federal/Other Authorization to spend existing funding	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Related to a Recurring request – If so, Priority #	

STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Families
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Government and Citizens	

ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS	Increase the number of new/retained jobs and capital investment recruited into South Carolina.
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What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?

RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS	The purpose of the Closing Fund is to assist companies in locating or expanding in South Carolina. This program provides funding necessary to encourage competitive projects to locate or expand in South Carolina.
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What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?

**JUSTIFICATION
OF REQUEST**

The SC Department of Commerce is requesting \$25,000,000 in funding for the closing fund. These funds will be used to recruit new jobs and new investments to South Carolina. The Closing Fund offers greater flexibility than other incentive resources.

Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method of calculation. Please include any explanation of impact if funds are not received. If new positions have been requested, explain why existing vacancies are not sufficient.

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FORM D – PROVISIO REVISION REQUEST

NUMBER

NEW

Cite the proviso according to the renumbered list (or mark "NEW").

TITLE

Job Development Tax Credit Program

Provide the title from the renumbered list or suggest a short title for any new request.

BUDGET PROGRAM

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Identify the associated budget program(s) by name and budget section.

RELATED BUDGET REQUEST

Is this request associated with a budget request you have submitted for FY 2024-2025? If so, cite it here.

REQUESTED ACTION

Add

Choose from: Add, Delete, Amend, or Codify.

OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED

SC Department of Revenue.

Which other agencies would be affected by the recommended action? How?

SUMMARY & EXPLANATION

Currently, the fees are set in statute. This proviso will allow agencies to increase, as needed.

Summarize the existing proviso. If requesting a new proviso, describe the current state of affairs without it. Explain the need for your requested action. For deletion requests due to recent codification, please identify SC Code section where language now appears.

FISCAL IMPACT

Agency staff have estimated an additional \$200,000 to be collected in fees, at most, as a result.

Provide estimates of any fiscal impacts associated with this proviso, whether for state, federal, or other funds. Explain the method of calculation.

**PROPOSED
PROVISO TEXT**

The state agencies responsible for management, reporting, approving and auditing the Jobs Development Tax credit program may increase fees charged to companies within the program as necessary to cover the operations of the program. These fees would be included in each agency's Fines and Fees Annual Report.

Paste existing text above, then bold and underline insertions and strikethrough deletions. For new proviso requests, enter requested text above.

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FORM E – AGENCY COST SAVINGS AND GENERAL FUND REDUCTION CONTINGENCY PLAN

TITLE	Agency Cost Savings and General Fund Reduction Contingency Plan
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AMOUNT	\$1,703,881
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What is the General Fund 3% reduction amount? This amount should correspond to the reduction spreadsheet prepared by EBO.

ASSOCIATED FTE REDUCTIONS	Unknown at this time
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How many FTEs would be reduced in association with this General Fund reduction?

PROGRAM / ACTIVITY IMPACT	Closing Fund, Local Economic Development Organizations, LocateSC, SC Manufacturing Extension Partnership, Research (Applied Research Centers), Small Business Development Centers, Procurement Technical Assistance Program, Council on Competitiveness, State Export Grant Program, Procurement and Technical Assistance Program, Marketing, Secretary's Office, Administration, Innovation, Global Business Development, Small and Existing Business.
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What programs or activities are supported by the General Funds identified?

SUMMARY	<p>a) Closing Fund Commerce would have fewer funds on hand to assist companies in locating or expanding in South Carolina.</p> <p>b) Local Economic Development Organizations LEDA would have fewer funds on hand to market the state, position their regions competitively and to find and assist companies looking to locate and expand in South Carolina.</p> <p>c) LocateSC Commerce would have fewer funds that allow the state to be proactive in preparing sites into suitable inventory for potential prospects.</p> <p>d) SC Manufacturing Extension Partnership Fewer companies would benefit from the services SCMEP provides.</p> <p>e) Small Business Development Centers Fewer small businesses would benefit from the services SCSBDC provide.</p> <p>f) Council on Competitiveness Fewer funds available to continue our collaboration in aerospace, cyber and transportation, distribution and logistics.</p> <p>g) State Export Grant Program Fewer small businesses would benefit from exporting assistance.</p> <p>h) Marketing Activities Fewer funds available to make strategic investments into potential areas to market our state.</p> <p>i) Procurement Technical Assistance Program Fewer small businesses would benefit from governmental procurement assistance.</p> <p>j) Applied Research Funds fewer resources to assist in research projects with existing industries and universities.</p> <p>k) Secretary's Office, Administration, Global Business Development, Innovation, Research, Marketing, and Small and Existing Business - Commerce would need to reevaluate future travel, hiring decisions and other spending plans to determine if recurring resources are available.</p>
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Please provide a detailed summary of service delivery impact caused by a reduction in General Fund Appropriations and provide the method of calculation for anticipated reductions. Agencies should prioritize reduction in expenditures that have the least significant impact on service delivery.

**AGENCY COST
SAVINGS PLANS**

Commerce would need to reevaluate future travel, hiring decisions and other spending plans to implement a cost saving plan. Any saving from implementation of a reevaluation would be either utilized in an investment into a new strategic initiative or carried forward into the next year.

What measures does the agency plan to implement to reduce its costs and operating expenses by more than \$50,000? Provide a summary of the measures taken and the estimated amount of savings. How does the agency plan to repurpose the savings?